BACKWARD REGIONS GRANT FUND

A Programme to Strengthening of PRIs

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BRGF Objectives

Designed to redress regional imbalances in development by providing financial resources for supplementing and converging existing developmental inflows

- Bridge critical gaps in local infrastructure and other development requirements that are not being adequately met through existing inflows,
- Strengthen, Panchayat and Municipality level governance with more appropriate capacity building, to facilitate participatory planning, decision making, implementation and monitoring, to reflect local felt needs,
- ■Provide professional support to local bodies for planning, implementation and monitoring their plans,
- ■Improve the performance and delivery of critical functions assigned to Panchayats,

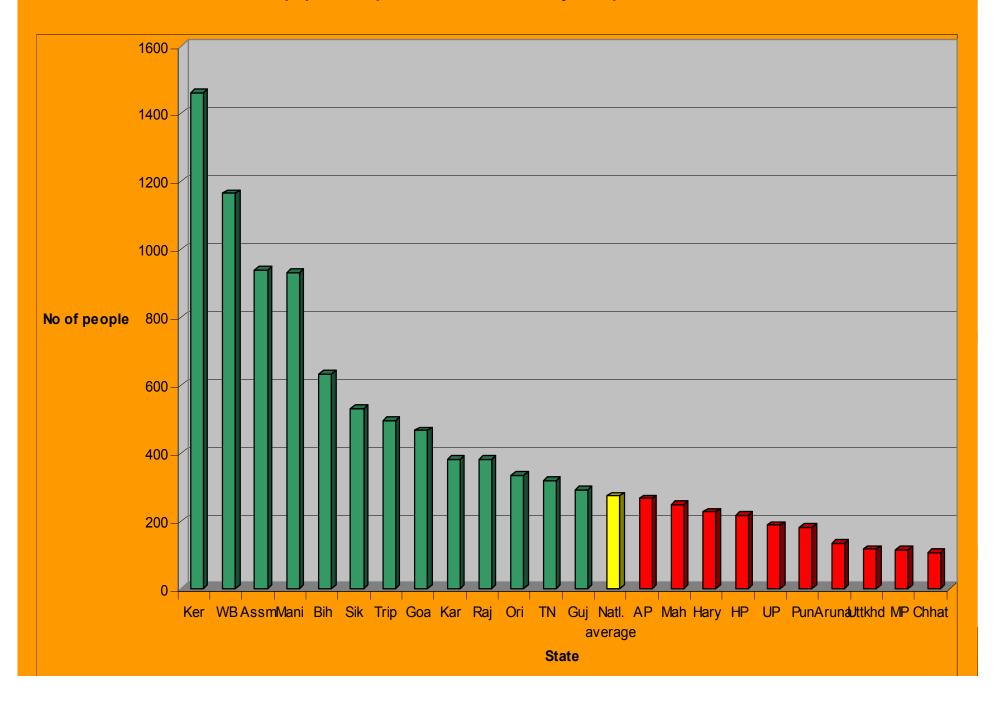
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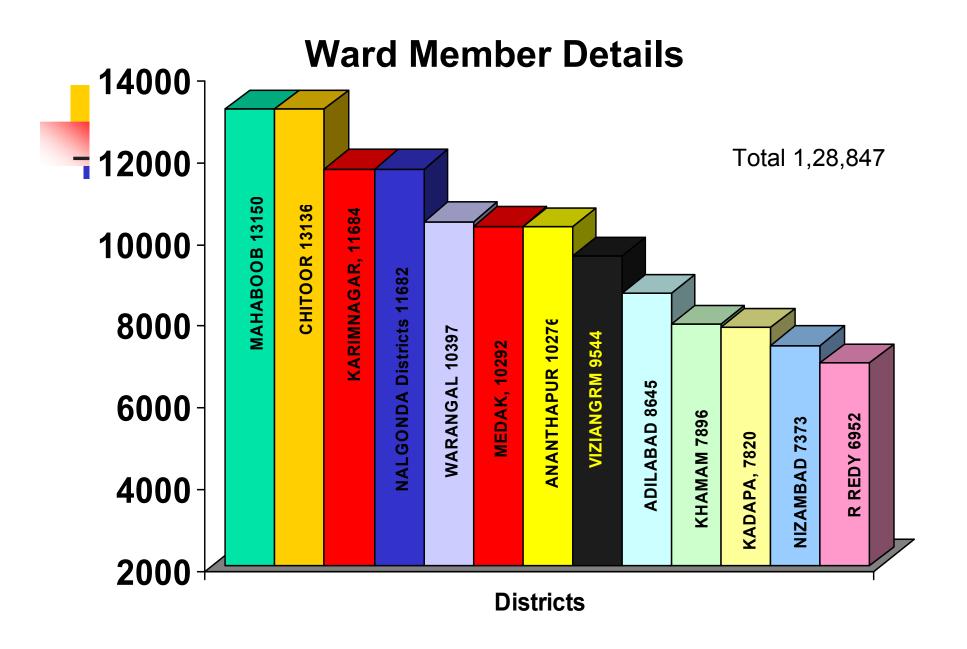
Powers, authority and responsibilities of Panchayats.-

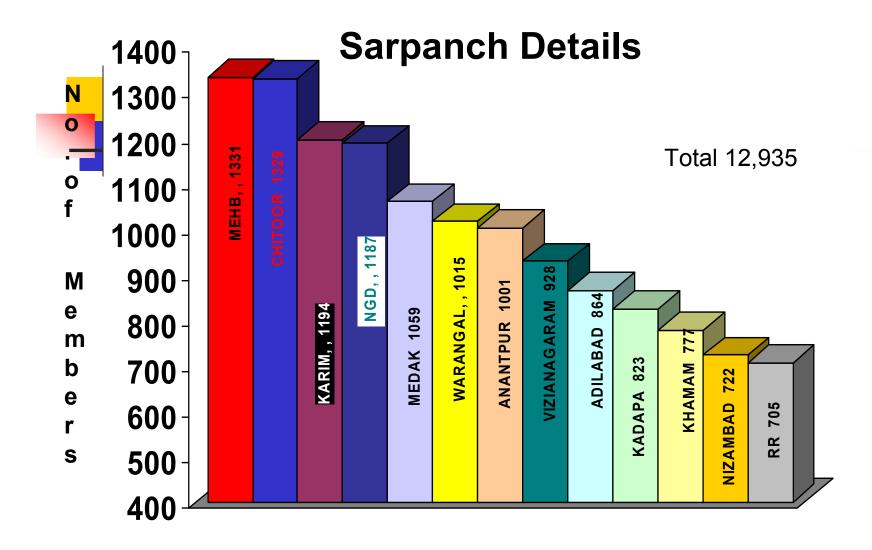
Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Legislature of a State may, by law, endow the Panchayats with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as institutions of self-government and such law may contain provisions for the devolution of powers and responsibilities upon Panchayats at the appropriate level, subject to such conditions as may be specified therein, with respect to-

- (a) the preparation of plans for economic development and social justice;
- (b) the implementation of schemes for economic development and social justice as may be entrusted to them including those in relation to the matters listed in the Eleventh Schedule.

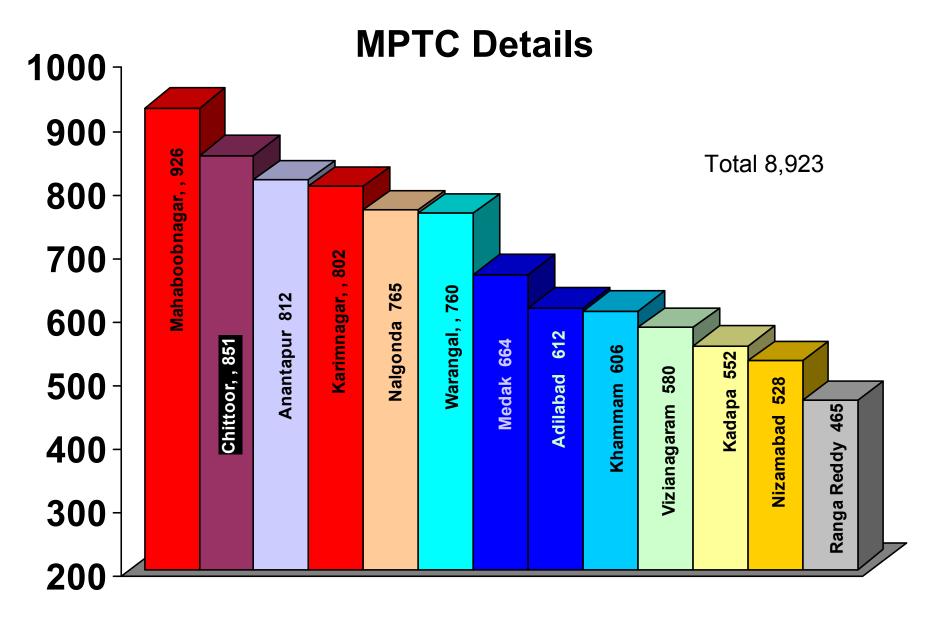
population per GP Elected Panchayat Representative



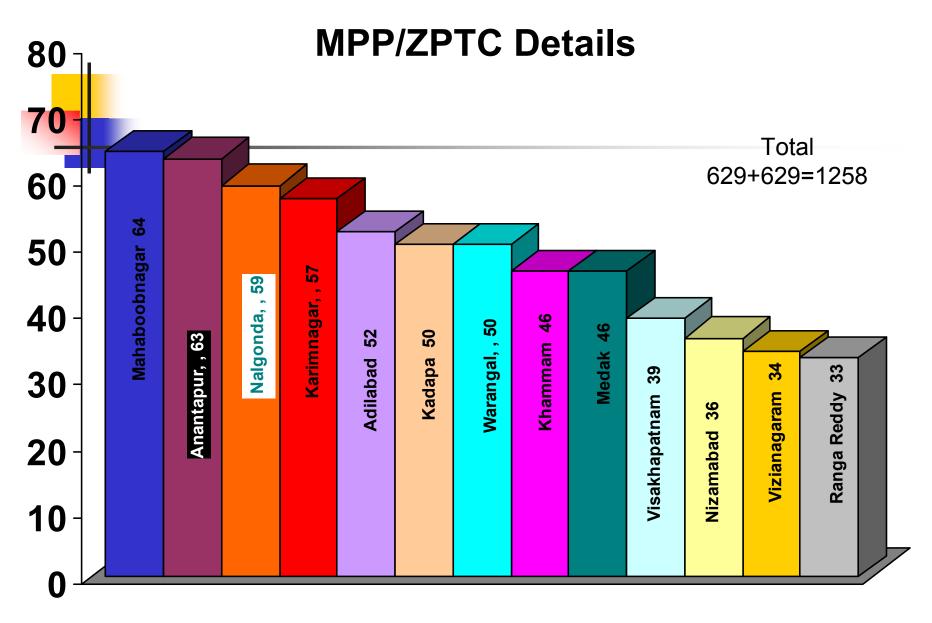




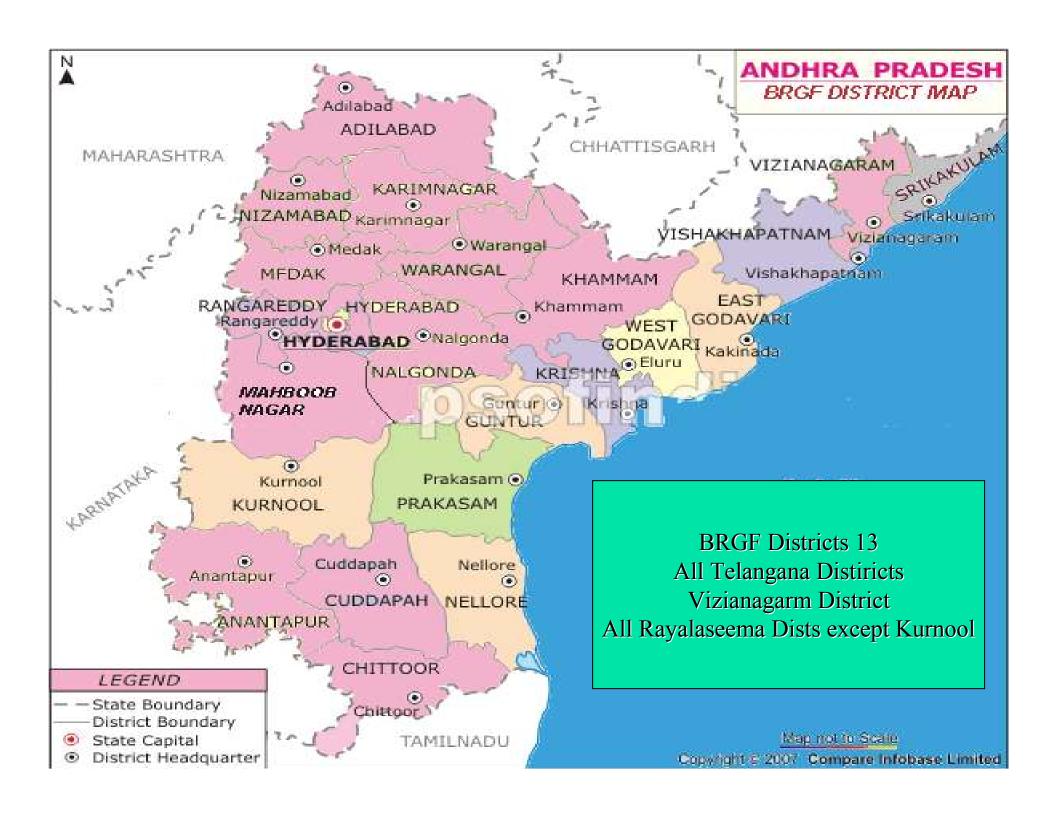
Districts



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BRGF FUNDING PATTERN

3750 cr.

250 cr Capacity building (1Cr Each District) 3500 cr untied Development funds

GOI 10 cr per dist on

50% on Pop

50% on Area

State formula

Inter-se shares between PRI tiers and ULB Shares between
Panchayats within the
allocation for the
Tier concerned

Incentives

Inter Se Distribution (Proposed)

Rural-Urban
 State Level District Wise

Among PRIs in the District

50: 30 :20

GP: MP:ZP

With Each tier of PRI

Based on the SGRY formula

BRGF DISTRICT PLANNING

Integrates various programmes that are being implemented in the district and therefore address backwardness through a combination of resources that flow to the district

These Programme funds inclues

- Sectoral and district segments of the State Plan,
- Centrally Sponsored Schemes (particularly Flagship programmes 1),
- Fund inflows on account of the National Employment Guarantee programme,
- Tied and untied grants from Central and State Finance Commission, and
- Fund inflows on account of the Bharat Nirman programme.

SC/ST Sub Plans

- A separate sub-plan should be prepared, within the plan of each Panchayat and ULB, showing the scheme-wise allocations for SCs/STs,
- Schemes benefiting SCs/STs should be allocated funds at least in proportion to the population of these communities in the jurisdiction for which the plan has been prepared.
- Amenities such as schools, anganwadis, health centers etc. should be provided on priority in those villages that have a substantial SC/ST population.

Suggested works

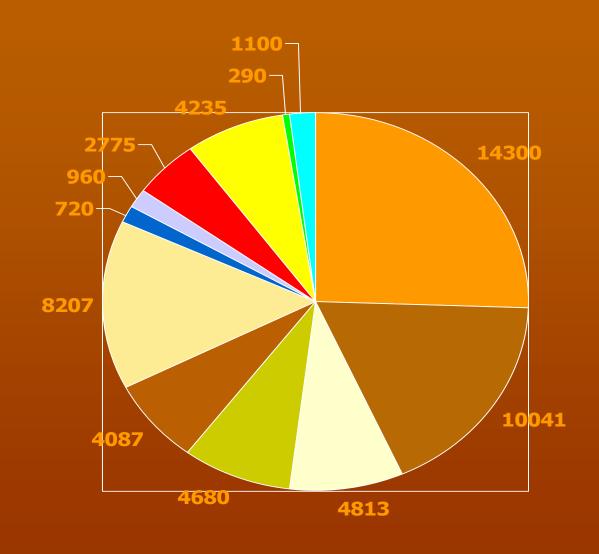
- Community halls.
- Residential Intermediate college/hostels for SC/ST children
- ITSs
- Rural playgrounds
- One time support (of about 20 lakh) to reputed NGOs who have land for setting up Secondary Schools/Colleges for girls.
- Tractors with trolleys and agricultural implements to SHGs of 20 small/marginal SC/ST farmers.
- Training of educated youth in areas such as computers, repairs of mobile phones, driving etc.
- Pre-recruitment training for para military and other security forces.
- Construction and allotment of shops, etc.

Flagship Programmes

- Sarva Siksha Abhiyan
- Mid Day Meals
- ICDS
- NRHM
- TSC
- Water and Sanitation Mission
- NREGS
- JNNURM

2006-2007 BUDGETORY ALLOCATIONS UNDER CSS (Rs. In CRORES)





Prohibited works

- Construction of religious structures
- Structures in the premises of religious institutions
- construction of welcome arches or similar such activities

Professional Support

- A trained community level person for agricultural extension
- A gender empowerment community leader or volunteer
- Trained 'barefoot engineers', or creation of local engineering capacity
- Support for Professional Planning

Operation and Maintenace

- BRGF funds shall be kept in a nationalized bank or a Post Office in a bank account
- The interest amount accrued should be utilized as per the guidelines of the Programme.
- Regular physical and financial audit of the works under the scheme shall be carried out at the end of each financial year,
- Each Panchayat shall publicly display details of all schemes approved as on date and their expected commencements/completion dates;

THANK YOU